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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows, and consider the subsequent remarks. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application (irrespective of whether the claims remains under examination in the applications) are presented below and the amendment to the claims is expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)

19. (New) A method for completing a purchase order/invoice, comprising the steps of:

- allowing a buyer to select among a plurality of documents associated with a proposed transaction;
- allowing the buyer to indicate requirements of trade terms of an agreement relating to the documents selected;
- permitting a seller to at least one of agree to and amend the trade terms on an electronic document platform;
- creating a new version of a form delineating the trade terms upon each amendment;
- allowing a negotiation of the trade terms of the agreement between the buyer and the seller;
- displaying the form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;
- permitting a digital signature of the form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;
- organizing and storing the documents supporting the form; and
- initiating payment to the seller only after receiving a verification of credit of the buyer.

20. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the form includes a first section indicating the terms, a second section for allowing the buyer to sign off on the terms, and a third section for allowing the seller to sign off on the terms.

21. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the form is displayed after the negotiation of the terms in response to the selection of an icon.

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22. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of displaying the documents supporting the form.

23. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of automatically sending the form to a database utilizing a network in response to the buyer and seller finishing the signing of the form.

24. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the payment is completed only after checking the form and receipt of payment authorization from the buyer.

25. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the trade terms include shipping related terms.

26. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of filtering the trade terms of the form, and outputting the form with only the trade terms included after filtering.

27. (New) The method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of allowing generation of standard documents associated with the form to be used therewith.

28. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the form includes a combined purchase order proforma invoice.

29. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, and further comprising the step of creating commercial shipping documents utilizing input from the seller.

30. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for creating a finalized document, comprising:

a code segment for allowing a buyer to select among a plurality of documents associated with a proposed transaction;

a code segment for allowing the buyer to indicate requirements of trade terms of an agreement relating to the documents selected;

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a code segment for permitting a seller to at least one of agree to and amend the trade terms on an electronic document platform;

a code segment for creating a new version of a form delineating the trade terms upon each amendment;

a code segment for allowing a negotiation of the trade terms of the agreement between the buyer and the seller;

a code segment for displaying the form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;

a code segment for permitting a digital signature of the form detailing the negotiation of the trade terms;

a code segment for organizing and storing the documents supporting the form; and

a code segment for initiating payment to the seller only after receiving a verification of credit of the buyer.

31. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the form includes a first section indicating the terms, a second section for allowing the buyer to sign off on the terms, and a third section for allowing the seller to sign off on the terms.

32. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the form is displayed after the negotiation of the terms in response to the selection of an icon.

33. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for displaying the documents supporting the form.

34. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for automatically sending the form to a database utilizing a network in response to the buyer and seller finishing the signing of the form.

35. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the payment is completed only after checking the form and receipt of payment authorization from the buyer.

36. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, wherein the trade terms include shipping related terms.

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37. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for filtering the trade terms of the form, and outputting the form with only the trade terms included after filtering.

38. (New) The computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for allowing generation of standard documents associated with the form to be used therewith.

39. (New) The computer program of claim 30, wherein the form includes a combined purchase order proforma invoice.

40. (New) computer program as recited in claim 30, and further comprising a code segment for creating commercial shipping documents utilizing input from the seller.

41. (New) A system for creating a finalized document, comprising:
logic for allowing a buyer to select among a plurality of documents associated with a proposed transaction;
logic for allowing the buyer to indicate requirements of trade terms of an agreement relating to the documents selected;
logic for permitting a seller to at least one of agree to and amend the trade terms on an electronic document platform;
logic for creating a new version of a form delineating the trade terms upon each amendment;
logic for allowing the negotiation of terms of an agreement between a buyer and a seller;
logic for displaying a form detailing the negotiations of the terms;
logic for permitting the digital signature of the form detailing the negotiations of the terms;
logic for organizing and storing documents supporting the form; and
logic for initiating payment to the seller only after receiving a verification of credit of the buyer.

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42. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the form includes a first section indicating the terms, a second section for allowing the buyer to sign off on the terms, and a third section for allowing the seller to sign off on the terms.

43. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the form is displayed after the negotiation of the terms in response to the selection of an icon.

44. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for displaying the documents supporting the form.

45. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for automatically sending the form to a database utilizing a network in response to the buyer and seller finishing the signing of the form.

46. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the payment is completed only after checking the form and receipt of payment authorization from the buyer.

47. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, wherein the trade terms include shipping related terms.

48. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for filtering the trade terms of the form, and outputting the form with only the trade terms included after filtering.

49. (New) The system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for allowing generation of standard documents associated with the form to be used therewith.

50. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the form includes a combined purchase order proforma invoice.

51. (New) A system as recited in claim 41, and further comprising logic for creating commercial shipping documents utilizing input from the seller.